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LEEWARD ISLANDS.

*Quarantine against plague.*ANTIGUA, *November 2, 1899.*

SIR: I beg to inform you that by proclamation published this date through an extraordinary issue of the Official Gazette, the following places have been declared by the executive council of the Leeward Islands to be infected ports or places under the quarantine act of 1876, such places being infected with bubonic plague, viz: Alexandria, Calcutta, Mauritius, Bombay, Hongkong, Oporto, Santos, and the State of Paraguay.

Respectfully,

HENRY M. HUNT,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

MEXICO.

*Final report on inspection service in Mexico.*CITY OF MEXICO, MEXICO, *November 15, 1899.*

SIR: Having closed at noon to-day the inspection work in the Republic of Mexico, and having just reported to you by wire, I have the honor to make my last report as follows: At the City of Mexico since my last report (November 6), 43 passengers have been inspected, 42 passed, and 1 detained and baggage (4 pieces) disinfected. At Monterey since November 4, 41 passengers were inspected and passed. At San Luis Potosi since November 4, 11 passengers have been inspected and passed. The total number of passengers inspected at the City of Mexico this season (from July 5 to November 15) was 1,951; of this number 80 were from infected places, and were detained and their baggage disinfected. The number of passengers remanded or reported to the border is not included in this report, as it is believed that this work will be duly set forth in the respective reports of the border medical officers. The total number of passengers inspected at Monterey was 959, of which 18 were detained and baggage disinfected. The total number of passengers inspected and passed at San Luis Potosi was 230. I am very grateful to a large number of persons for their kindly cooperation and assistance in connection with this quarantine work, and I regret that the lack of space prevents me from thanking them, as they deserve, individually.

Of the United States consular service I wish to mention Mr. Andrew D. Barlow, consul-general at the City of Mexico and Mr. James R. Hardy, his vice and deputy consul-general. Mr. Philip Carroll, vice and deputy consul-general at Monterey, Mr. Charles Burr Towle, consul at Saltillo, Mr. Samuel E. Magill, consul at Tampico, and Mr. William Headen, consular agent at Pueblo. Of the Marine-Hospital Service, I wish to make special mention of the valuable assistance rendered by Act. Asst. Surg. Samuel H. Hodgson at Vera Cruz. Acting Assistant Surgeons Turpin, Slabey, and Lloyd at the City of Mexico, Monterey, and San Luis Potosi, respectively, performed their duty in a highly creditable manner. Of the railway officials who gave their hearty cooperation in this work, there were Vice-President and General Manager H. R. Nickerson, Assistant General Manager F. B. McKercher, and Assistant General Passenger Agent W. D. Murdock of the Mexican Central Railway Company, and General Passenger Agent W. B. Ryan of the Mexican National Railway.

In the few lines left for me in this report I wish to make special mention of the valuable assistance and cooperation rendered by Vice and Deputy Consul-General James R. Hardy, at the City of Mexico. This officer, who by his ability and probity must do much to honor the United States consular service, never misses an opportunity to faithfully perform the duties within his province. I can think of no other man to whom I owe so much. I must also make special mention of the work done by Sanitary Inspector E. Alexander and Act. Asst. Surg. H. J. Hamilton, stationed, respectively, at El Paso and Laredo, Tex. Dr. Alexander's plan of meeting the incoming trains one hour before their arrival in El Paso is worthy of special mention.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, November 23, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that there has not been a case or death of yellow fever during the past week.

There have been 3 cases of smallpox reported during the week, 2 cases in the pesthouse and 1 in the city. The one in the city was discharged to-day and the house thoroughly disinfected. The total number of deaths during the week was 33 from all causes.

Two deaths from smallpox were reported from the pesthouse during the week. A gale is now blowing from the north and has perceptibly cooled the atmosphere. These northers have been relied upon to blow away the yellow fever, and by the old inhabitants are considered as effective as a frost in the south.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Quarantine against Lorenzo Marquez on account of plague.

AMSTERDAM, November 11, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the minister of the interior of the Netherlands received official information of the prevalence of the plague at Lorenzo Marquez, and in consequence thereof has declared Lorenzo Marquez infected, and fixed the number of quarantine days, according to the law of March 20, 1887, article 8, amended by law of April 8, 1893, at 10.

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.